

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1985

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES GRATZ AND LEGAN (Co-sponsors).

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TED WEDEL, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 1, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to legislative intent.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 1, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 1.091, to read as follows:

**1.091. Every bill introduced in the general assembly shall contain a clear and
2 concise statement of the sponsor's purpose for introducing the bill in a section specified for
3 declaring such legislative intent. Any amendment or substitute for the bill which would
4 change the intent as expressed in the introduced bill shall contain a change to the
5 declaration of legislative intent to reflect such changes. No bill shall be considered for third
6 reading and final passage in the house of representatives until the committee on rules, joint
7 rules and bills perfected and printed, or successor committee, has made a determination
8 that the declaration of legislative intent in the bill corresponds to the content of that bill,
9 and no bill shall be considered for third reading and final passage in the senate until the
10 committee on rules, joint rules, resolutions and ethics, or successor committee, has made
11 a determination that the declaration of legislative intent in the bill corresponds to the
12 content of that bill. A separate vote shall be taken on every declaration of legislative intent,
13 and no bill shall be third read and finally passed unless and until the declaration of
14 legislative intent has been adopted by a constitutional majority.**